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Attachment to:
OXC - 0187
21 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : DD/P Decisions Pertaining to OXCART

1. At a meeting held 17 December 1959 with Mr. G.L. Johnson of Lockheed [redacted] the following decisions relating to the OXCART program were made by the undersigned:

- a. Approved a request made by Mr. Johnson to commit approximately [redacted] for the purchase of titanium, steel and vasp alloy. This action was necessitated at this time to permit Lockheed to maintain the present OXCART schedule.
- b. Approved a request made by Mr. Johnson to commit \$72,000 for construction, at the Burbank Lockheed plant, of a revetment, for use in OXCART fuel system tests, and the erection of a small insulated building designed to accommodate high temperature tests on sections and components of the OXCART airframe.
- c. Approved Lockheed as the prime contractor for the following:
- (1) The inlet control system for which [redacted] will be employed as a sub-contractor to Lockheed. [redacted] was directed to inform [redacted] of this decision.
- (2) The air conditioning system, for which Lockheed was directed to obtain proposals from both [redacted] [redacted] Mr. Johnson will submit the proposals and his recommendations for consideration and decision, if possible, prior to the next suppliers meeting.
- d. The OXCART inertial guidance system supplier, when chosen, will be employed as a prime contractor to EPD Project Headquarters.
- e. It has not been firmly decided that the supplier of the OXCART autopilot is to be a prime contractor to EPD Project Headquarters. This matter is under study and a firm decision will be forthcoming in the near future. Meanwhile, a review is being made of Mr. Johnson's report and recommendations on possible suppliers.

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f. Firewel is to be directed to re-submit a proposal for the pilot environment and personal equipment requirements of the OXCART program. Prior to submission for consideration, the proposal should be reviewed with Mr. Johnson. Meanwhile, Firewel is to be given a letter contract and limited coverage, about \$25,000, to allow continuance of work at a modest scale pending a decision on the proposal to be submitted.

2. The next OXCART suppliers meeting is tentatively scheduled for 19 January 1960 in Boston.

SIGNED

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